

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Richard D. Baron, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who has distinguished himself as the proud recipient of the St. Louis Bar Foundation Community Leadership Award; and

**Whereas**, Richard Baron currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of McCormack Baron Salazar in St. Louis, a firm specializing in the development and management of mixed-income housing with an emphasis on large-scale redevelopment projects in central city locations; and

**Whereas**, McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc., was established in 1973, since which time it has developed 91 projects in 25 cities with development costs in excess of \$1.2 billion which include 10,440 residential units and more than one million square feet of commercial space, in addition to an impressive management portfolio of 16,000 residential units; and

**Whereas**, Richard Baron is the founder and developer of COCA (The Center of Contemporary Arts), a community-based visual and performing arts center in University City that serves more than 50,000 children each year; and

**Whereas**, Richard Baron is exceedingly proud of the important roles he plays as a member of the Executive Committee of the Regional Chamber and Growth Association, the Advisory Board for the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy of The Brookings Institution, the St. Louis Downtown Partnership Board, and the Saint Louis University Board of Trustees; and

**Whereas**, a past member of John Burroughs School, Washington University's George Warren Brown School of Social Work National Council, Richard Baron is the Co-Chairman of the Vashon Educational Compact, which has targeted ten low-performing public schools in the City of St. Louis for major transformation; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of Oberlin College who holds a Masters degree in Political Science from the University of California-Berkeley and a law degree from the University of Michigan, Richard Baron is the recipient of honorary degrees from Oberlin College and Saint Louis University:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Richard Baron upon his most worthy receipt of the St. Louis Bar Foundation Community Leadership Award, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Richard D. Baron.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Margaret Donnelly  
District No. 73

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4708, adopted November 19, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker